

# GETTING TO CARBON NEUTRAL WORKSHOP & TRADESHOW

Knowledge, Best Practices & Process to help LOCAL GOVERNMENTS Get There!

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**Empire Landmark Hotel & Conference Centre**  
**1400 Robson St., Vancouver, B.C.**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**8:30AM to 5:00PM**

## INTRODUCTION:

The provincial government has introduced a gas emissions reduction policy. Local governments know they have to do something, but are unsure what to do or how to do it. This workshop will outline the what, why, and how.

## WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP?

In recent years, there have been many excellent sustainability conference hosted by FCM, UBCM, Gaining Ground, and the Fresh Outlook Foundation, to name just a few. This workshop builds on what these conferences have done at the macro level and drills down to a very practical, micro level. The workshop provides unique perspectives and actionable plans. Speakers will share information about what they are successfully implementing, at this time, at the local level. The workshop also uses learning roundtables to provide delegates with opportunities to share and discuss measures they are undertaking.

The intended outcomes of the workshop are to:

- Understand provincial expectations and regulations on reducing the carbon footprint
- Hear speakers who are demonstrating workable sustainability initiatives in local government in the areas of waste diversion, energy, green buildings, and gas emissions
- Provide a process for local government to move forward to meet the requirements
- Draw from the ideas and discussions to start their own process on relevant initiatives
- Outline available funding and provide a funding guide.

All participants will receive a working manual. The afternoon of Day 2 will be devoted to developing plans for their own jurisdictions.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Local government politicians
- Senior managers with responsibility for public works, community services, finance, and planning
- First Nations leaders
- Those with an interest in local government sustainability issues, key infrastructure consultants, and developers.

## COST:

**Early Bird Special** - \$349 plus GST to February 29<sup>th</sup>

After February 29<sup>th</sup>, \$399 plus GST

Costs include breakfast pastries with tea and coffee, coffee break and buffet lunch each day.

## ACCOMMODATION:

A limited room block has been reserved for conference delegates at the tallest hotel on trendy Robson Street in the heart of Vancouver, the Empire Landmark Hotel and Conference Centre. To reserve your room call toll-free at 1-800-830-6144 (Canada & US) or at 604-687-0511 ([www.empirelandmarkhotel.com](http://www.empirelandmarkhotel.com)) Please advise hotel staff that you are registering under the room block for “Nova Quality Training and Consulting” to receive the conference rate of \$89 CND for a standard room or \$109 CND for a deluxe, single, or double. You are encouraged to book as early as possible.

## PROGRAMME:

The speakers and workshop presenters are drawn from among FCM's award-winning municipalities, and leading-edge consultants with proven track records in sustainability issues at the local government level. Confirmed presenters and topics include:

- Peter Ladner, Vancouver City Councilor, – *The Challenges of Change*
- Nichola Wade, Climate Action Secretariat, BC Ministry of Environment - *Regulatory Requirements*
- Dale Littlejohn and David Sims, Community Energy Association - *Carbon Neutral Operations*
- Rod Muir, Sierra Club and Founder of Waste Diversion Canada - *Waste Diversion and The Mitigation of Climate Change*
- Mark Holland, Holland Barrs Planning Group – *A Planning Process for the Short and Long Term*
- Alex Boston, Holland Barrs Planning Group – *A Climate of Change at City Hall: Innovative Breakthroughs to Traditional Barriers*
- Michael Wilson, CEA - *Funding Your Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives*
- **GREEN BUILDING PANEL:** Teresa Coady, Bunting Coady Architects; Kim Fowler, MCIP, Dir. Of Development Services, City of Port Coquitlam; Dale Mikkelson, UniverCity (SFU)
- David Helliwell, Small Energy Group - *Immediate actions to achieve measurable reductions in GHG emissions workshop*
- **ENERGY PANEL:** Emanuel Machado, Dir. of Corporate Planning and Sustainable Community Development, City of Dawson Creek- *Managing municipal energy needs and developing strategies and plans:* Guy Heywood, Renaissance - *Getting In On The Gold Rush: Options for municipalities to participate in Green Power Development*
- **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS PANEL:** Terry Robert, E3 Fleet; Jo Pach, TELUS Envir. Director
- Gaetan Royer, CAO, City of Port Moody and author of *Time For Cities*

For a full description of workshop sessions, speaker bios, and agenda, please go to the Registration Page at:

<http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/conference/SustainabilityWorkshop.asp>



A donation from each registration will be made to the Fresh Outlook Foundation in support of its passion “to kindle a fresh outlook among British Columbians that inspires sustainable behaviors at home, work, and play.” Visit [www.freshoutlookfoundation.org](http://www.freshoutlookfoundation.org).

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